School of Nursing

Degrees Offered
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Introduction
The mission of the WVU School of Nursing is to lead in improving health in West Virginia and the broader society through excellence in student-centered educational programs, research and scholarship, the compassionate practice of nursing, and service to the public and the profession. This mission is responsive to changing healthcare needs and emerging national and state changes in technology and healthcare delivery and is enhanced by a supportive and open environment. The faculty’s educational effort is directed at providing high quality, student-centered programs of instruction at all levels which prepare superb professional nurses to meet basic healthcare needs; advance practiced nurses to address complex health needs; and enable doctorally-educated nurses to advance nursing knowledge through research, to assist in the formulation of policies to improve health care, and to serve as faculty in higher degree programs. Unique characteristics of the state mandates that the healthcare needs of rural populations and vulnerable groups be a major focus of education, research, and service, including faculty practice.

The School of Nursing offers undergraduate and graduate degrees and post-graduate certificates of study. The baccalaureate program (BSN) is available for high school graduates who aspire to a career in nursing (basic or traditional BSN program) and to registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) who are licensed graduates of associate degree or diploma nursing programs seeking to continue their career development (RN to BSN and LPN to BSN programs). In addition, an ABSN (fast track) program is available for the college graduate seeking a BSN in Morgantown and Bridgeport.

Accreditation
The baccalaureate degree program in nursing/master's degree program in nursing/Doctor of Nursing Practice program at West Virginia University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

Fees, Expenses, Housing, Transportation, and Immunization

Students enrolling at the Morgantown campus pay fees which are detailed on the Cost and Aid page of the West Virginia University Undergraduate Admissions website (https://admissions.wvu.edu/cost-and-aid/). Special fees and deposits are also required. Students enrolling at other sites pay the fees shown in the catalog for that site. Fees are subject to change without notice. Students’ expenses vary according to the course of study and individual needs. Information concerning financial assistance, application forms, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form may be obtained from the Professional - Health Sciences Center page of the Student Financial Services website (https://financialaid.wvu.edu/students/professional-hsc/) or by contacting the HSC Financial Aid Office, PO Box 9810, Morgantown, WV 26506-9810; telephone (304) 293-3706 (toll free) or 1-800-344-WVU1.

The University Housing and Residence Life Office, telephone (304) 293-4491, provides information concerning university-owned housing. The Student Life Office in E. Moore Hall, telephone (304) 293-5611, provides information concerning privately owned, off-campus housing.

Students are expected to provide their own transportation, equipment, and instruments for the clinical courses. Some clinical experiences require travel in a multi-county area.

Students entering the traditional BSN or ABSN program on the Morgantown campus are required to participate in the WVU Health Sciences Center Student Computer Program. A laptop computer will be issued to all students entering these programs. Please visit the Undergraduate Programs page of the West Virginia University School of Nursing website (https://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu/students/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-of-science/) for more information.

Proof of specific immunizations is required for all health sciences students. Students in the BSN, ABSN, RN to BSN, LPN to BSN, MSN, DNP, and post graduate certificate nursing programs must undergo a criminal background check prior to clinical courses. Felony convictions, serious misdemeanors, illicit drug use, or positive drug screens may result in admission ineligibility or program dismissal.

Scholarships
The School of Nursing offers several scholarships. These scholarships are administered by the Health Science Center Financial Aid Office and require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form in order to be considered for financial aid. Most School of Nursing scholarships are available only to students already admitted to the School of Nursing and are awarded each April for the following academic year. However, there are a limited number of scholarships for which students may apply before admission. Further information is provided on the Student Resources page of the West Virginia University School of Nursing website (https://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu/students/resources/).
Additional Information
Visit the West Virginia University School of Nursing website (https://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu/). Call the WVU school of Nursing Office of Student Services at 1-866-WVUNURS or (304) 293-1386. Write to WVU School of Nursing at PO Box 9600, Morgantown, WV 26506-9600

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**Degree Designation Learning Outcomes**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)**

Upon completion of the BSN program, graduates will:

**CRITICAL THINKING:** Employ scholarly inquiry and evidence-based reasoning and creativity in the process of assessment, interpretation, analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and inference as a basis for professional nursing practice.

**NURSING INTERVENTIONS:** Ensure quality care by applying theory, evidence-based clinical judgment and decision-making, and patient care technology in the delivery of safe and skilled nursing therapeutics with individuals, families, communities, and populations across the health-illness continuum.

**PROFESSIONAL ROLE:** Demonstrate knowledge, attitudes, professional values, personal qualities and behaviors consistent with the nursing roles of health care designer and coordinator, organization and system leader, and advocate for consumers and the nursing profession.

**CARING:** Provide empathetic, culturally sensitive, and compassionate care for individuals, families, communities, and populations that upholds moral, legal, and ethical humanistic principles.

**COMMUNICATION:** Integrate therapeutic, interpersonal, intraprofessional, interprofessional and informatics communication processes in professional nursing practice.
Academic Standards and Graduation Requirements

PRE-NURSING PROGRESSION POLICY

Students admitted to the University as "Pre-Nursing" students must maintain good academic standing and a 3.0 GPA beginning with the first semester at WVU. If a student's GPA falls below 3.0, they will be placed on probation for one semester. If the student's GPA remains below 3.0 for a second semester, the student will be dismissed from "Pre-Nursing".

Student athletes or students involved in University-sponsored organizations who, as a part of their participation may be required to be absent from either classroom or clinical experiences, must provide course coordinators with potential dates of absence during the first week of class. Excessive absences may jeopardize student success in nursing courses.

Note: Keyser Campus (Potomac State) policies for general nursing (Pre-Nursing) are different. Please refer to the Potomac State catalog for details.

DIRECT ADMISSION FRESHMAN PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

Students admitted directly to nursing as freshman must fulfill direct admission academic progression requirements to maintain advanced standing as a direct admission student and enter the sophomore level nursing courses. If students do not meet the requirements in the freshman year, they will be moved to the Pre-Nursing major and will have the opportunity to enter the Pre-Nursing BSN program applicant pool for consideration for program re-entry and progression to the sophomore nursing courses.

Freshman year academic progression standards for direct admit students in the BSN program include:

- Maintaining good academic standing
- Completion of all prerequisite coursework with a C or better prior to the end of the summer term of the freshman year
- Maintaining a 3.0 overall GPA or better at the end of the first semester (higher GPAs are recommended in preparation for the rigorous nursing curriculum)
- Achieving or maintaining a cumulative 3.5 GPA or better at the end of the second semester of the freshman year

TRADITIONAL BSN ACADEMIC STANDARDS & PROGRESSION POLICIES

From entry into sophomore nursing courses to program completion, students must fulfill the following academic requirements to maintain good academic standing.

1. GPA

- Students must maintain an overall college GPA of at least 3.0.
- Students who do not maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.0 will be placed on academic notice for one semester. Students who do not raise their overall GPA to 3.0, after one semester on academic notice, will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.

2. Required course grades

- All courses used to earn the BSN degree must be completed with a minimum grade of C-
- Students who earn a grade of D or F in more than two NSG courses used to earn the BSN degree will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.
- All courses used to earn the BSN degree in which students earn a grade of D, F, W, or WU must be repeated prior to the student's progression to the next semester in the nursing sequence. Nursing courses must be repeated in the next spring or fall semester that the course is offered. There is an exception to this individual standard regarding nursing electives; students who receive a W in a nursing elective are not required to repeat it.

3. Repeats

- Students who receive a D, F, W or WU in a course used to earn the BSN degree may repeat the course only once and must earn a minimum grade of C-
- Students who repeat a course used to earn the BSN degree and earn a grade of D, F, W, or WU will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.

4. Readmission

- Students who have been dismissed from the BSN program are not eligible for readmission. See Undergraduate Readmission Policy.

Grading Scale

The grading scale for nursing courses using letter/numerical values is: A = 93-100, B = 85-92, C = 77-84, D = 70-76, F = 69 and below.

ABSN AND LPN TO BSN ACADEMIC STANDARDS & PROGRESSION POLICIES

From entry into sophomore nursing courses to program completion, students must fulfill the following academic requirements to maintain good academic standing.
1. GPA
   • Students must maintain a program GPA of at least 3.0.
   • Students who do not maintain a program GPA of at least 3.0 will be placed on academic notice for one semester. Students who do not raise their program GPA to 3.0, after one semester on academic notice, will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.

2. Required course grades
   • All courses used to earn the BSN degree must be completed with a minimum grade of C-.
   • Students who earn a grade of D or F in more than two NSG courses used to earn the BSN degree will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.
   • All courses used to earn the BSN degree in which students earn a grade of D, F, W, or WU must be repeated prior to the student's progression to the next semester in the nursing sequence. Nursing courses must be repeated in the next spring or fall semester that the course is offered. There is an exception to this individual standard regarding nursing electives; students who receive a W in a nursing elective are not required to repeat it.

3. Repeats
   • Students who receive a D, F, W or WU in a course used to earn the BSN degree may repeat the course only once and must earn a minimum grade of C-.
   • Students who repeat a course used to earn the BSN degree and earn a grade of D, F, W, or WU will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.

4. Readmission
   • Students who have been dismissed from the ABSN or LPN to BSN programs are not eligible for readmission. See Undergraduate Readmission Policy.

Grading Scale
The grading scale for nursing courses using letter/numerical values is: A= 93-100, B = 85-92, C = 77-84, D = 70-76, F = 69 and below.

RN TO BSN ACADEMIC STANDARDS & PROGRESSION POLICIES

1. GPA
   • Students must maintain a Nursing GPA of at least 2.5.
   • Students who do not maintain a Nursing GPA of at least 2.5 will be placed on academic notice for one semester.
   • Students who do not raise their Nursing GPA to 2.5, after one semester on academic notice, will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.

2. Required course grades
   • All courses used to earn the BSN degree must be completed with a minimum grade of C-.
   • Students who earn a grade of D or F in more than two NSG courses used to earn the BSN degree will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.

3. Repeats
   • Students who receive a D, F, W or WU in a course used to earn the BSN degree may repeat the course only once and must earn a minimum grade of C-.
   • Students who repeat a course used to earn the BSN degree and earn a grade of D, F, W, or WU will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.

4. Readmission
   • Students who have been dismissed from the RN to BSN program are not eligible for readmission to the same program. See Undergraduate Readmission Policy.

Grading Scale
The grading scale for nursing courses using letter/numerical values is: A= 93-100, B = 85-92, C = 77-84, D = 70-76, F = 69 and below.

UNDERGRADUATE READMISSION POLICY
Students who have been dismissed from any nursing program (WVU or otherwise) are ineligible for admission to any of the WVU SON undergraduate programs. However, students who have received degrees or additional credentialing following dismissal from a nursing program are eligible for admission to the ABSN, RN to BSN, or graduate programs provided that they meet all other admission requirements and based upon space available.

Students who have withdrawn from the WVU SON may be considered for readmission. Students may apply for readmission in accordance with the following guidelines and criteria, but must follow the standard admission procedures and meet all original admission requirements.
• Students previously enrolled in a WVU nursing program must complete all exit procedures and forms during the semester of withdrawal to be eligible for readmission.
• Readmission to a WVU undergraduate nursing program will be considered one time only.
• Students unable to complete the program within 7 years of the original admission date will be required to restart the program if readmitted.

Readmission is not guaranteed and is dependent upon space available, applicant qualifications, and academic discretion.

Accreditation

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